

## SANTA FE TRIES TO SETTLE ITS LAND SUITS WITH COMMISSION

Railroad Officials Trying to Adjust Three Actions Brought by State in an Effort to Collect Taxes

In an effort to effect an amicable adjustment of difference with the Arizona state tax commission in suits now pending in Yavapai, Mohave, and Coconino counties, G. G. Tunnel and Attorney Bledsoe, tax agent and assistant solicitor, respectively, of the Santa Fe railroad, appeared before members of the commission at the state house yesterday.

A long conference took place in the tax commission office, at which the various phases of the suits were discussed. The railroad representatives indicated a desire to adjust the differences without bringing the cases into court. Such a settlement, it was announced, would be highly satisfactory to members of the commission, inasmuch as it would be a great saving to the state.

In the three suits now pending, the assessment of some 225,000 acres of railroad land is affected. These lands were sold to individuals under contracts, which the railroad company failed to place on record. As a result, the assessments were placed against the railroad company as being title owner of the lands. These lands, it is stated, have never been surveyed and the sales were made subject to patents being issued by the governor of the state.

The assessments were made upon possessory right and not upon the land itself. Individuals who bought the land are enjoying possessory right by actual use.

Despite the thousands of acres of land held by the Santa Fe railway company in Arizona, the state tax commission has never previously had difficulty with the railroad in collecting taxes. The three suits now pending and which were started some time since, are the first of their kind ever filed by the state.

Attorney Bledsoe offered the suggestion to the commission at the conclusion of the conference that he would go into the matter and endeavor to see if something could not be arrived at which would obviate many of the legal questions involved.

## MILKMAN FINDS SUICIDE'S BODY

Despondent because of ill health, G. H. Marshall, who came to Phoenix several weeks ago from Omaha, ended his life with a bullet early Sunday evening. The suicide was not discovered until yesterday morning when N. Edgin, who has been delivering milk to the sick man, called according to his custom. When he opened the door of the room Marshall occupied at Six Points, he found the dead man sitting in his chair, a 22-caliber revolver was in his lap as it had fallen from his hand after he had shot himself through the head.

Edgin was the chief witness at the

**ARIZONA THEATER**  
TONIGHT  
The MERRY-MAKERS  
in  
Nearly a Fatal  
Wedding  
Also a Two-Reel  
Keystone Comedy

## HOPIS TO HOP IN CEREMONIAL TRIBAL DANCES

In the exact costumes worn in ceremonies conducted by the Hopis in the spring of every year, a group of Indian boys will execute the Kachina dance at the Woman's club this afternoon.

The special program will be given under the direction of the academic department of the Indian school and the dance will be a leading feature. It will be interpreted by boys of the age of 14 to 20 and is in the nature of a prayer for plentiful crops.

The students of the school are greatly interested in the part they play in today's program, which includes, besides the dance, an Apache sunrise song, Pima medicine man's song, flute call, "The Land of the Sky Blue Water" and the Buffalo dance.

These novel numbers will serve to supplement an illustrated lecture by Dean Scarlett on "Prehistoric Ruins of Mesa Verde." Dean Scarlett is always an interesting speaker and the entertainment this afternoon will, no doubt, bring out the largest gathering at the club this season.

Inquest held in Justice De Souza's court yesterday morning. He testified that Marshall, who was a sufferer from asthma, frequently intimated that he would end his life. Among his few personal possessions brought into court was a pocket book in which was a small newspaper clipping that might have had bearing on the suicide.

The article reads, "Water in Canal—Water was turned into the Arizona canal again last night and the cross cut power house was started up today. The water had been out of the canal for a couple of weeks, while the canal was being cleaned and repaired. Water will be in all of the canals again the last of this week."

It is thought that Marshall believed that the water in the canals would add to the humidity and that his condition would become more serious. The verdict of the coroner's jury was death caused by a self-inflicted bullet wound.

The dead man was 35 years of age. His family in Omaha was notified of the tragedy by H. H. Maus, who has charge of the body.

## AMUSEMENTS

**Columbia**  
The long heralded appearance of the popular Clara Kimball Young in the first of her own company's productions, "The Common Law," by Robert W. Chambers, is scheduled for the Columbia theater today and tomorrow.

Director General Albert Capellani of the Clara Kimball Young Film Corporation, has announced the novel in six parts and the production is said to be magnificent in every respect. In the cast supporting Miss Young are Conway Tearle, Paul Capellani, Edna Heron, Lillian Cook, Julia Stuart, Edward M. Kimball, Lydia Knott and D. J. Flannigan.

**At the Arizona**  
The "Merry-makers" played to a big house at the Arizona last night and the production of "Clancy's Alley" proved to be one of the best and biggest laugh sensations of the season, and Ed. "Clancy" Gilbert and Jim "Clancy" Dooley were both seen in some of their best comedy work.

Not a musical number on the bill in last evening's performance was old and worn out, but on the contrary all were new and up-to-date, and accordingly all the soloists received splendid encores, with the able assistance of the pretty and winsome "Vanity Maids."

Join the Y. today.—Adv.

Street Lifter—Say, boy, what's new in the paper today?

Smart Newsboy—Why, the date.

## ARIZONA FARES WELL IN FUND FOR HIGHWAYS

Uncle Sam Will Spend Sum of \$137,000 Upon Road Work in Newest State in the Coming Fiscal Year

Arizona will receive \$137,027.04 under the federal government road appropriation for the fiscal year from July 1, 1917, to July 1, 1918. Thirty-two states in the union receive more from the government than Arizona, and 15 receive less out of this fund of \$10,000,000 for good roads than Arizona did. Since the appropriation for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1919, is one third larger than the one ending in 1918, Arizona may count upon receiving a third more for 1918-19 than for 1917-18. The state will be a steadily rising one for in the fiscal year ending July 1, 1920, the sum of \$20,000,000 will be expended and the year following, \$25,000,000.

This appropriation has nothing to do with the million dollars a year for a period of ten years which the federal government is expending in building trail and developing roads within or partly within the government forests. Out of this sum Arizona gets the sum of \$59,000 this year in addition to the other amount mentioned.

The \$10,000,000 to be spent in the year from next June to July of 1918 is apportioned among the states on a novel basis under the federal aid road act. Before making the apportionment the secretary, in accordance with the provision of the act, deducted 3 per cent of the appropriation, or \$300,000, to meet the cost of administering the act. The remaining \$9,700,000 has been divided among the states as the act prescribes—one-third in the ratio of area, one-third in the ratio of population, and one-third in the ratio of mileage of rural delivery routes and star routes apportioned on this basis, the money is divided as follows:

| State          | Sum apportioned |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Alabama        | \$208,379.50    |
| Arizona        | 137,027.04      |
| Arkansas       | 127,027.04      |
| California     | 164,378.20      |
| Colorado       | 302,127.84      |
| Connecticut    | 167,330.23      |
| Delaware       | 62,180.88       |
| Florida        | 16,368.74       |
| Georgia        | 111,952.53      |
| Idaho          | 226,658.56      |
| Illinois       | 126,927.06      |
| Indiana        | 441,852.46      |
| Iowa           | 271,495.24      |
| Kansas         | 252,351.20      |
| Kentucky       | 194,942.87      |
| Louisiana      | 134,949.22      |
| Maine          | 96,903.06       |
| Maryland       | 88,094.44       |
| Massachusetts  | 174,701.96      |
| Michigan       | 241,567.44      |
| Minnesota      | 284,788.19      |
| Mississippi    | 177,811.68      |
| Missouri       | 336,574.23      |
| Montana        | 113,541.62      |
| Nebraska       | 123,746.69      |
| Nevada         | 41,922.21       |
| New Hampshire  | 118,425.25      |
| New Jersey     | 157,475.63      |
| New Mexico     | 601,449.54      |
| New York       | 601,449.54      |
| North Carolina | 238,763.82      |
| North Dakota   | 162,286.12      |
| Oklahoma       | 273,810.81      |
| Ohio           | 230,788.00      |
| Oregon         | 157,374.74      |
| Pennsylvania   | 461,268.34      |
| Rhode Island   | 23,231.42       |
| South Carolina | 134,615.25      |
| South Dakota   | 161,892.54      |
| Tennessee      | 288,306.96      |
| Texas          | 583,855.52      |
| Utah           | 113,900.30      |
| Vermont        | 47,648.94       |
| Virginia       | 139,321.42      |
| Washington     | 142,768.56      |
| West Virginia  | 106,549.92      |
| Wisconsin      | 256,722.14      |
| Wyoming        | 122,358.54      |
| Total          | \$9,700,000.00  |

This is the second apportionment to be made under this act. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, the apportionment was \$5,000,000.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES THAT CHARLES R. OSBURN IS OFFICIAL

### DEBUTANTES TO SOLVE PROBLEM AS NURSEMAIDS

Leading debutantes and well known matrons will play the role of nursery maids every Sunday morning. Prominent members of the smart set have offered their services and will romp, play and care for small girls and boys while their parents attend church. Each youngster wishes to hear a fairy tale or to be rocked, mildly must be prepared for the emergency. She has agreed to enter heart and soul into the plan.

Dean Scarlett of the Trinity Cathedral was unable to solve the problem of how a woman could care for her tiny tot and attend church at the same time. Mrs. Lyman Bennett came to his rescue by suggesting that her home be used as a nursery.

Let them leave their babies at my house," she said. The Bennett residence is located on North First avenue, just a block from the Cathedral House. Two girl members of the church will serve each week as maids. Each girl in the service will be called upon every 15 weeks to serve, 30 girls having agreed to help in the work.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) WILEY E. JONES.

Attorney General.

Mr. Osburn has repeatedly stated that he will surrender the office which he now holds as soon as he is convinced that the appointment of Doane Merrill has been legally made. It was for the purpose of learning whether or not the requirement of the law had been complied with that he sought the opinion of the attorney general in the matter.

This practically settles the issue until the appointment is either confirmed or rejected by the senate.

well executed plot, abounding in human interest. Miss Sweet is supported by Theodore Roberts, Tom Forman and other favorites.

**Mary Sunshine at Hip**  
Mary Sunshine, "Baby Grand of the Movies," as she is best known, returns to the Hip for a two days' engagement in a brand new picture, "Joy and the Dragon." It's a characteristic Mary Sunshine picture. Some fishermen find a tiny waif lashed to a mast. "Joy is my name," she says. "Mamma Joy and papa fell in the water with the fishes and ain't come back yet." The orphanage to which the "fisher folk" take this sea tot proves to be the home of a band of crooks and the baby falls

into their hands and from there on unfolds a story so full of pathos, humor and the personality of this wonder child of the movies that its like has not been seen on the screen here. With it will be shown the Pathé Weekly, filled with good news values.

**Plaza**  
Helen Holmes will hold the center of the screen at the Plaza today and tomorrow in another thrilling chapter from the great serial "A Lass of the Lumberlands." This picture which is the best ever done by Miss Holmes and J. P. MacGowan has proven a great attraction at the Plaza. On the same program there will be a George Avery "Jerry" comedy. These comedies are coming into their own again. The funny little fellow knows how to get the laughs.

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